

with Kathy's ardor, perseverance and devotion to these Vermont children.

She is profoundly deserving of being honored Social Worker of the Year, and Vermont is greatly proud of her.

A TRIBUTE TO WAYNE PHILLIPS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Wayne R. Phillips, an extraordinarily gifted teacher of Geography, World History, Government, Economics, and International Relations at the San Mateo and Mills High Schools located in my Congressional district. During the past 32 years, Wayne Phillips has demonstrated a caring, supportive concern for each of his students and has profoundly influenced the lives of over 5,000 individuals with his extensive knowledge and wisdom, and his innovative teaching methods.

Even from the early days of his career, Wayne Phillips had a talent for creating and implementing innovative classes. For example, while at San Mateo High School, he helped to create and teach the Social Science freshman curriculum. In addition he created and taught a course titled, Government In Action, which required students to intern in different types of governmental agencies in order to acquire a first hand knowledge of the realities of public service. When he taught economics, his students participated in a San Francisco Bay Area stock market simulation. His instructions proved so successful that many students went on to win the competition. Currently, at Mills High School he created and is teaching a stimulating elective for Junior and Senior students in International Relations. In addition to his teaching duties, Wayne Phillips has served as the Social Science Department Chairman for the past 12 years, where he has helped to bring positive changes to the curriculum, teaching methods, and organization of Mills High School. For his diligent efforts, Wayne Phillips was recently selected as the San Mateo Union High School District's Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, beyond devoting countless hours in the classroom, Wayne Phillips has also selflessly dedicated himself to extra-curricular activities that have enriched the school environment, in particular working tirelessly to create an understanding of, and tolerance for the many ethnic and cultural groups on the campus. Along with other school and community leaders he helped to create a unique all day program to understand, appreciate, and celebrate cultural diversity. He was also the driving force behind the production of assemblies to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, the Chinese New Year, and the Japanese Cherry Blossom festival. Connected to the production of the Chinese New Year celebrations, students created a one hundred-foot dragon that has appeared in the San Francisco Chinese New Year's Parade for the past six years. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of participating in a very special event Wayne coordinated to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, and needless to say I was very

impressed with what I saw. For the last 24 years he served as the Freshman Class Advisor and assisted students with planning get-acquainted evenings, welcome dances, homecoming parades, class competition activities, holiday decorations, class elections, fund raisers and much more.

For Mr. Phillips, the classroom extends beyond the campus and he has consistently encouraged young people to participate in many types of educational opportunities. I am always delighted to see his students in Washington, DC, as part of Project Close-Up, which brings young people to Washington to see their government in action. His students also traveled to the Southern part of this country to learn first hand about the Civil Rights movement with the "Sojourn to the Past" program. As a long-time member of the World Affairs Council of Northern California, Mr. Phillips reads scholarship applications for the Council, leads "Great Decisions" student discussion groups on foreign policy issues, and chaperones students to Council meetings, special events, and the annual conference on world affairs at the Asilomar in Pacific Grove, California. Mr. Speaker, Wayne Phillips' influence spreads even to the United States House of Representatives, where we have benefited from an outstanding Congressional Page whom only became involved in the page program due to Mr. Phillips' encouragement and recommendation.

Throughout Mr. Phillips' entire career, he has been an example of the best in the teaching profession, earning the respect and admiration of students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators, and members of the community. It is not hyperbole to suggest that the teaching profession is losing one of its giants with his retirement. Every student learns from him and knows that he values them and is there for them whenever and however they need help. He truly loves his kids, and his crowded classroom during non-class time is but one expression of his students' respect and love for him. Wayne Phillips may be retiring from his formal classroom responsibilities, but to paraphrase the famous Dr. Seuss book, Oh, the Places You'll Go, he will continue to learn and share knowledge, and continue his commitment to education.

Mr. Speaker, as a former educator, I am proud to honor Wayne Phillips on his extraordinary career, to thank him for his contributions and dedication to public service, and to wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING 2004 RN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT NANCY SCHREIBER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Schreiber on the occasion of receiving the Central Valley Coalition of Nursing Organizations' 2004 RN of the Year Award for Advanced Practice. A banquet honoring her and three other award winners will be held Friday, May 7th at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno, California.

Nancy Schreiber is a skilled, experienced nurse practitioner who provides exemplary

care. She is currently a Perioperative Advanced Practice nurse at Community Medical Centers in Fresno and is an adjunct faculty member at Fresno City College. Nancy was a clinical nurse educator and neurosurgical coordinator. She holds a Master of Science degree in Nursing.

Ms. Schreiber has been a significant part of Community Medical Center's surgical services for over 17 years. She is a genuinely thoughtful person who is not only doing her job to help others, but also, trying to make an impact on their lives. She is a founding member of the Fresno/Clovis/Madera OR Educators Group. Nancy is fluent in Spanish and provides classes in Spanish for Perioperative Services Providers and has developed an English-Spanish phrase manual for use in the Perioperative areas. She is also a "hands-on" educator and has been involved in the design and implementation of the Operating Room Scrub Class.

Nancy has been involved in the process of writing two nursing standardized procedure manuals, The Nurses Pre-operative Screening of Patients by Criteria, and Assisting Endoscopic PEG Insertion. She has also contributed to nursing research in numerous projects and provided legal consultation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Schreiber for her excellence in the field of Advanced Practice. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Nancy many years of continued success.

HONORING OUTSTANDING EXAM- PLES OF PUERTO RICO YOUTH: MÓNICA CRISTINA MAYOL SABATIER AND RIDGE OLIVIERI

HON. ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. ACEVEDO-VILÁ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievements of two young constituents that have excelled with particular success in community service. Mónica Mayol and Ridge Olivieri, both of San Juan, Puerto Rico, have been selected as Honorees of the prestigious Prudential Spirit of Community Awards representing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This is an honor bestowed to only two students per jurisdiction, and as such is a very treasured award in our Island and in the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Mónica Mayol is a 17-year old senior from Academia María Reina High School in San Juan. She serves as the activities coordinator at Centros Sor Isolina Ferré, one of the most renowned charity institutions in Puerto Rico. She tutors disadvantaged children and teenagers in several subjects, organizes drives to obtain food contributions, and even coordinated an awards ceremony and a Christmas party to bring happiness to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, the other student recognized by the Prudential Awards is 11-year old Ridge Olivieri, a sixth-grader at Saint John's School. Ridge is a very motivated sixth-grader who established a project to collect gently used clothing for disadvantaged children in Haiti. He felt that it was important to foster a sense of citizenship in his fellow peers, and his program got off to a very successful start with the help